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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Linda Rosenberg, Chair – Sharon Carlson, Vice-Chair

Education/Research Subcommittee

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Wednesday, March 16, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Agency Representatives

Allington, R.N., Linda – City of Carlsbad
Christison, Brian – SDFD/Rural Metro
Davis, Mike – Carlsbad/SDCFC
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Vilke, M.D., Gary – City of Carlsbad
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of SD/Imp Counties

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Rosenberg, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee members was not present. Minutes from January 28, 2015 will be approved at the next subcommittee meeting.

IV. REVIEW COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) READINESS REPORT

- A. Leadership & Collaboration Plan – Once a month each pilot program submits a readiness report to the State.
- B. Candidate & Supervisor Selection Plan
Carlsbad pilot program is working towards a June start date.
- C. Local Treatment Protocols
 - 1. City of San Diego
 - State training has been completed. Training covered Public Health Epidemiology to advance assessment techniques new to paramedicine. Everyone passed the practical and written exams.
 - Schedules are back on track with completion of the training. The team schedule is one (1) day a week in ambulances and three (3) days out of the four (4) with the RAP team.
 - 2. Carlsbad
Kaiser has submitted an IRB to the State that is in the process of being evaluated.
- D. Local Site-specific Curriculum Development Plan
 - 1. City of San Diego
 - Most of the curriculum development was completed prior to the State program.
 - Specific training was added including attending the PERT academy which is three (3) day psychiatric response training in April.
 - 2. Carlsbad
 - Paramedics went through the State training; everyone passed in the first round. Training included community resources learning.
 - Site visits have been completed including video conferencing from the field to the facilities. Confidentiality and privacy issues are being worked through.
 - Six (6) of the 12 hours of site specific curriculum were completed in August and December. A review will take place in April. Training has been aligned with other alternate destination projects. External validity and validation will be done by Palomar College.
- E. Evaluation & Data Analysis
 - 1. City of San Diego data collection is 97.3% complete as well as a thorough statistical analysis.
 - 2. Carlsbad
 - Data is being submitted to the State. Kaiser has given a link to UCSF for transfer of data.
 - There have been challenges with the data tool designed by UCSF. Challenges include only being able to utilize the software on one computer and claims data submitted through Kaiser. In summary, challenges with the data pool were one computer, one person, and external validity was not realized until the initial run.

- Base line data started in April and went through December. Kaiser patients are separated by Kaiser HMO, Kaiser Medical and Kaiser commercial programs, and the protocols are reviewed to decide which is appropriate for the program.

F. Monitoring & Patient Safety/Quality Improvement

1. City of San Diego has no changes.
2. Carlsbad is working through the confidentiality aspect, data to State and UCSF/Kaiser.

G. Informed Consent

City of San Diego has no changes.

City of San Diego project discussion topics:

1. Clarification of the psychiatric training.
 - Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) is specific to the San Diego program. PERT is subcontracted through the County Mental Health Systems (MHS). Clinicians are placed with police officers, there may be a PERT clinician assigned to the team based on a grant that is in progress.
 - Training will improve psychiatric evaluation, ability to work with the population and have community support for CP.
 - It was noted that psychiatric patients in the ED and workplace, and psychiatric/mental health/substance abuse services require full continuum of care, psychiatric services and acute care services in the facilities.
 - Educating emergency room staff and physicians regarding resources and contacts.
2. The 211 referral system went live in January 2015. Field crews fill out referrals and consent information, and direct the referral to 211 as long as it meets certain criteria, number of contacts and a valid call back number. 211 will connect individuals to food banks and access to medical providers.

Marcy Metz added that Ann Marie Jenson was recognized at the 211 Conference for the innovative program approach to connecting the field to services.

Carlsbad project funding: Carlsbad has been awarded a California Healthcare Foundation Grant of \$8,600, with another \$8,000 in March. There was a cost of \$35,000 to backfill the three staff positions while they were training for the pilot project.

H. Susan Smith reported on the California State Advisory Committee

1. CP site visits start March 19. Susan asked if there were any recommendations for questions and information for site visits of similar studies. Rural Metro site visit is July 16.
2. October 15 is the next Office of State Hospital Planning and Development (OSHDP) meeting. Communication will be via email to discuss objectives and concerns.

Marcy Metz added that the Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) and Emergency Medical Director's Association of California (EMDAC) meetings are March 17 and EMS Commission meets March 18.

V. FUTURE ITEMS

No future items were mentioned.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am. Next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2015.